

Trouble reported in Yugoslav province

BELGRADE (R) — Anti-riot police were sent to Yugoslavia's troubled Kosovo province on Sunday as tension built up among the area's Albanian ethnic majority and minority Serbs, Belgrade police said. Earlier, the state news agency Tanjug reported that "extraordinary measures" had been declared in Kosovo and a special unit of federal police sent to the area because Yugoslav security was seriously endangered by the situation there. Police sources said such a unit includes 380 men and armoured anti-riot vehicles. It is the first time such forces have been dispatched since Albanian nationalist riots there in 1981. Thousands of Serbs have staged street protests in the past two weeks in Kosovo, after a newspaper published comments by an ethnic Albanian leader who suggested the increasing number of rapes of Serbian women by Albanians could be reduced if Serbian women worked as prostitutes.

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King sends good wishes to Austria

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein sent a cable of good wishes Sunday to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim congratulating him on the occasion of his country's National Day. The King wished President Waldheim continuing good health and happiness and the people of Austria further progress and prosperity.

Liechtenstein crown prince arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — Prince Hans Adam, Liechtenstein's crown prince, arrived here on Sunday on a five-day visit upon the invitation of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. Prince Hans Adam, an expert on antiquities, will visit Jordan's historical and archaeological sites. The prince was received upon arrival by the director of Prince Hassan's office, Shihab Madi, and the director-general of the department of antiquities as well as the Swiss ambassador to Jordan.

Dajani returns from Britain

AMMAN (Petra) — Interior Minister Rajai Dajani returned to Amman on Sunday after a week-long visit to Britain during which he held talks with British officials on issues of common concern to both countries in security fields. Mr. Dajani also met with British Interior Minister Douglas Hurd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs David Mellor and other ministers with whom he reviewed political and security situations in the Middle East. The interior minister also visited a number of British security administrations and institutions where he explored the possibility of benefiting from them in upgrading similar Jordanian administrations, especially in the fields of anti-narcotics, civil defence, traffic laws and civil registrations.

Schools to mourn Iraqi children

AMMAN (Petra) — All schools throughout the Kingdom will observe one-minute silence on Tuesday in mourning for Iraqi children who fell victim of an Iranian missile attack on Oct. 13 on a Baghdad primary school. The decision was taken by the Ministry of Education in an expression of solidarity with the Iraqi people.

2 bombs explode in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (R) — Two bombs exploded in suburbs of Tel Aviv on Sunday but caused no casualties, army radio said. One of the bombs was placed among cooking-gas canisters outside a building in a southern suburb. The other was placed at a bus stop in Kfar Saba. Police arrested a number of Palestinians, the radio said.

Israelis close Arab journalist's office

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The Israeli army on Sunday closed down the West Bank office of a Palestinian journalist who was detained because of contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), military sources said. Mohammad Abdallah Mohammad Amira, whose office in the occupied West Bank was ordered to be shut for two years, worked for the mass-circulation Arab daily newspaper Al Quds in Jerusalem.

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King receives Algerian message on summit

Ibrahim expresses hope Amman conference will tackle issues with seriousness and responsibility

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday received a message from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid dealing with the extraordinary Arab summit scheduled to be held in Amman on Nov. 8.

The message was delivered to the King by the Algerian foreign minister, Dr. Ahmad Taleb Al Ibrahim, who arrived here earlier in the day from Syria.

The King's meeting with Dr. Ibrahim was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Abu Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masi and the Algerian ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Mohammad Bergam.

Shortly after his arrival here, Dr. Ibrahim held a round of talks with Mr. Masi on preparations for the Nov. 8 summit, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. The two ministers discussed means of ensuring the success of the summit and enabling the Arab heads of state to arrive at a consensus

on different Arab issues. Petra said.

Dr. Ibrahim and Mr. Masi also reviewed the latest developments in the Middle East problem and efforts towards convening an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Petra added.

The meeting was attended by Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Nabil Nimer and Dr. Naser Bataineh, director of the Foreign Ministry's Political Affairs Department, as well as Ambassador Bergam and an official delegation accompanying Dr. Ibrahim on his visit.

Dr. Ibrahim, in a statement he gave to Petra upon his arrival here, said Algeria hopes that the Amman summit "will be characterised with seriousness and the spirit of responsibility in view of

the topics to be discussed which include the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Palestinian problem and the Iran-Iraq war."

Dr. Ibrahim was received upon arrival by Mr. Masi.

Before his departure from Damascus, Dr. Ibrahim was received by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and talks focused on "the situation in the area," reported Syria's official news agency SANA.

Dr. Ibrahim stated on his arrival in Damascus Saturday that his visit fell within the consultation policy adopted by the Algerian and Syrian governments. He added it was "especially fitting in view of the extraordinary Arab summit in Amman."

Items on the summit agenda "which cover the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq war and the situation in Lebanon require a united Arab stand," he added.

In addition to his meeting with President Assad, Dr. Ibrahim also conferred on Saturday with Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharra.

Kuwait's oil export capacity unaffected

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah said on Sunday the Iranian missile attack on the emirate's main Gulf oil terminal would not affect its oil export capacity.

A Chinese-made Silkworm missile, which Kuwait says was fired from Iraq's occupied Fao Peninsula, slammed into the offshore Sea Island terminal last Thursday, closing it down indefinitely.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid told reporters Sheikh Ali was speaking after an emergency meeting of the emirate's Supreme Oil Council, which discussed details of the damage.

Sheikh Ali said repairs were under way, Mr. Rashid said without elaborating.

Tehran Radio sees more anti-U.S. attacks in Gulf

NICOSIA (R) — Tehran Radio warned on Sunday that anti-American attacks, such as Saturday's bomb blast at the agents for Pan American airline in Kuwait, might recur.

"What happened yesterday can be cause for concern for American statesmen as it was directed against a U.S. company and especially because it is not unlikely that such acts of protest are repeated in Kuwait or its neighbouring countries," the radio said in a commentary monitored here.

A small explosive device shattered windows at the seaport office but caused no injuries. Two Kuwaiti newspapers blamed Iran and its sympathisers (See page 2).

It was the ninth bomb explosion in Kuwait this year, and Tehran Radio said it was different because it was directed at an American target.

Iranian leaders have vowed to take revenge for recent American attacks on Iranian vessels and

facilities in the Gulf.

"There is no effective defence against an individual's quest for martyrdom — and we possess this weapon," Prime Minister Mir-Hosseini Mousavi told Tehran Radio.

Mr. Mousavi was reacting to reports of strict economic sanctions contemplated by Washington following the missile attack on Kuwait's offshore oil export terminal on Thursday.

The United States and Kuwait said the missile was a Chinese-designed Silkworm fired by Iran.

Tehran has disclaimed official responsibility, but said it was "an invisible projectile" — a term increasingly used in reference to Iranian strikes against non-Iraqi targets in the Gulf.

Mr. Mousavi said his government had for years drawn up contingency plans to withstand outside economic pressure, relying on Iran's domestic natural resources.

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His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday receives who delivered to him a message from Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim (Petra photo)

Gemayel in UAE after surprise talks with Mubarak in Cairo

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel arrived Sunday for talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahyan following a surprise stop in Cairo during which he met Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak.

The UAE news agency (WAM) said Mr. Gemayel was on an official two-day visit for talks with Sheikh Zayed. But it provided no details on the purpose of the visit.

Arab diplomatic sources however said that Mr. Gemayel's visit was linked to the upcoming Arab summit conference scheduled for Nov. 8 in Amman.

The sources, who spoke on condition they not be named, said Mr. Gemayel was rallying support for his views on a settlement to the 12-year-old civil war in his country. Mr. Gemayel was also reportedly going to hold side meetings on the fringes of the summit with President Hafez Al Assad of Syria, the country most directly involved with the situation in Lebanon.

The two leaders have not met since January 1986, when Mr. Gemayel and Christian hardliners torpedoed a Syrian-sponsored pact signed with militia leaders to end the fighting.

Sheikh Zayed doubles as current chairman of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) which also includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

Mr. Gemayel, who arrived Saturday night in Cairo, met Mr. Mubarak for two hours Sunday morning. Journalists were kept away from the two presidents.

After Mr. Gemayel's departure, the presidency and Foreign Ministry — which had continued

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S. Arabia calls for sanctions on Iran

RIYADH (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia called on Sunday for sanctions against Iran as the Gulf Arab states tried to hammer out a unified stance against Iranian attacks on Kuwait.

Ministers of the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) met in the Saudi capital amid reports that Egypt — an outside party not involved in the Gulf talks — had sent pilots and other military aid to help Kuwait defend itself against Iran. Egypt denied the report. (See page 2).

Kuwait has been hit by missile fire three times in the past 10 days, including one strike last Thursday that knocked out of action its offshore supertanker loading terminal.

Kuwait and the United States, which has been providing naval escorts for American-flagged Kuwaiti tankers, say the missiles were Chinese-designed Silkworms fired by Iran.

Saudi Arabia, one of Kuwait's more outspoken supporters in this crisis, issued its call for anti-Iranian U.N. sanctions outside the framework of the GCC diplomatic meeting.

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Ramadan and Aziz visit Jeddah with message

GCC condemns Iran

RIYADH (R) — Foreign ministers of the Gulf Arab states, concerned at Iranian missile strikes against Kuwait, said on Sunday that any attack on Kuwait would be viewed as an attack on them all.

Ministers of the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations said Iranian aggression against Kuwait had dangerously escalated the situation in the region.

But they stopped short of demanding sanctions against Tehran.

A statement after a four-hour evening session of the six ministers, meeting here for the past two days, said:

"The council notes that Iran's behaviour does not meet the needs for achieving stability in the region, accordingly the ministerial council condemns attacks and Iranian practices and reiterates that any aggression against a member state is an attack on all member states."

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Egyptian aides visit Kuwait amid reports of military ties

CAIRO (R) — Two Egyptian officials were visiting Kuwait on Sunday with oral messages from President Hosni Mubarak to the Kuwaiti government, a Foreign Ministry source said.

Ambassador Amr Moussa and Mohammad Abdellah, head of parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, were expected to convey Mr. Mubarak's personal assurances of support for Kuwait against foreign attacks.

Mr. Mubarak offered Egypt's full backing for Kuwait after last Thursday's attack on the emirate's main oil terminal, blamed on Iraq.

Although Mr. Mubarak did not specify the kind of support he was offering, there was speculation among diplomats here that the Arab world would be ready to send arms to Kuwait on request.

Both countries support Iraq in its war with Iran, and Cairo is known to have sent military hard-

ware to help Baghdad.

In London, the Sunday Times newspaper reported that Egypt is to send Kuwait military aid in return for financial assistance as part of a secret deal between Cairo and the Gulf states.

The paper quoted Arab diplomats as saying about 70 Egyptian pilots and support personnel arrived in Kuwait last week. According to a senior air force official in Cairo, units of the Egyptian Air Force were on alert and expected to be sent to Kuwait, possibly within a week, the paper added.

It said the deal would include a \$20-billion aid package of interest-free loans for Egypt, whose economy was in trouble.

"The final details of the deal

remain to be worked out, but it is already clear that it involves Egypt in a major realignment in the Gulf region, placing it on the side of Iraq in its confrontation with Iran," the paper said.

The newspaper said Cairo's military aid came none too soon for Kuwait, which has been badly affected by the seven-year Gulf war.

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Kuwaiti press blames Iran for blast

KUWAIT (AP) — The Kuwaiti press on Sunday accused Iran of masterminding an explosion at the Pan American World Airways sales offices in downtown Kuwait and one newspaper urged the expulsion of what it described as "fifth column" members from the country.

"Fifth column" is a term commonly used to refer to Shi'ite Muslim Kuwaitis who are backed by Iran and have been blamed for a series of sabotage acts in this Gulf Arab state since 1983.

Shi'ites make about 20 per cent of Kuwait's predominantly Sunni Muslim population of 1.7 million.

"Iran has now shifted its dirty war against Kuwait from missile attacks to sabotage," the newspaper Al Anbaa said in an editorial. That was a reference to the firing of three Chinese-made Silk-

worm missiles at Kuwait this month.

Two hit tankers anchored off Al Ahmadi, Kuwait's main oil loading terminal and the last one, on Thursday, struck the sea island offshore terminal.

"If Iran has been able to pursue its recurring aggression by using the missiles which it obtained from this or that country, it regrettably depends in conducting the explosions war on its own agents inside the country who have sold themselves to the devil and betrayed the land which sheltered them and granted them all security and peace," said Al Anbaa.

"As Kuwait is able to confront the military aggression...it should also be able to deal with the acts of sabotage by eradicating the fifth column which has started to

uncover its ugly face and its loyalty to the enemies of this country," it added.

"Those who have been blinded by their hatred for this country are betraying the land and do not deserve the right to live among us," Al Anbaa added.

Another newspaper, Al Seyasseh, said editorially: "The Iranians, more than others, know that their explosive messages will not succeed in realising their ends...of disrupting our society and dragging us into the war."

Meanwhile, Mohammad Al Rumaihi, editor of the state-owned Al Arabi magazine, chided Syria in a frontpage article published by the newspaper Al Watan for its failure to support Kuwait against the Iranian threats.

U.S. firm to sue Israel for \$300m for cancelling Lavi

TEL AVIV (AP) — The U.S. aviation company Pratt and Whitney plans to sue Israel for \$300 million in damages for cancelling the multi-billion dollar Lavi jet fighter project, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Pratt and Whitney was to have manufactured the engine for Israel's planned home-made plane of the 1990's, but the cabinet scrapped the project in August because it was running over budget.

A Defense Ministry official, reached by telephone, refused to comment on the report in the Hadashot daily, saying only that "the termination of the Lavi project was under discussion and clarification with the United States."

Officials at Israel Aircraft Industries, the state-owned aircraft company that was building the Lavi, also declined comment saying all

compensation claims were being handled by the Defence Ministry.

According to the Hadashot report, the ministry has suggested avoiding payments to Pratt and Whitney by offering to install the engine in U.S.-built F-16 jet fighters which the United States will deliver to Israel as a substitute for the Lavi.

Defense officials were expected to leave shortly for the United States to discuss this and other options with their American counterparts, the newspaper added.

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Demjanjuk trial resumes today

TEL AVIV (AP) — John Demjanjuk's Nazi war crimes trial resumes Monday after a two-month recess, with testimony from an Israeli KGB expert but without crucial holocaust survivors that the defence needs to bolster the U.S. autoworker's alibi.

While only eight Treblinka survivors identified Demjanjuk as a death camp killer from photographs, 30 did not pick him out. But they all have refused to testify on his behalf.

Israeli Defence Attorney Yoram Sheftel said the 30 survivors, who now live in the United States, Europe and Canada, cited pressure from both family and Jewish organisations, as well as fear they would be ostracised in Israel.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

• An art exhibition entitled "France in the 20th Century" at the French Cultural Centre (until Oct. 29).

• An exhibition of Swedish nature photography at the Alia Art Gallery.

• Art exhibition for Kamal and Nidal Tabbal at Housing Bank Complex (until Nov. 21).

• An exhibition of books on health and fitness, sports and physical education at the American Centre (until Oct. 28).

• Indian photo exhibition at the University of Jordan (until Oct. 29).

• Exhibition of paintings and drawings of Randa Berouti at Petra Bank Art Gallery, Wadi Sagra (until Nov. 31).

• Royal Automobile Club, Jabel Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816344, 817534.

• Feature Film

• "Treasure of the Sierra Madre" at 7:30 p.m. at the American Centre.

• Cultural Centres

• Royal Cultural Centre. Tel. 6611267

• American Centre. Tel. 643471

• American Centre Library. Tel. 641520

• French Cultural Centre. Tel. 631478

• Greek Cultural Centre. Tel. 631789

• Spanish Cultural Centre. Tel. 634385

• Turkish Cultural Centre. Tel. 639777

• Arts Centre. Tel. 661595

• Hussein Youth City. Tel. 667181

• Y.W.C.A. Tel. 641793

• Y.W.M.A. Tel. 661251

• Amman Municipal Library. Tel. 637111

• Univ. of Jordan Library. Tel. 843555

• Museums

• Children's Heritage and Science Museum. Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small exhibition at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

• Muslim Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church)

• Folklore Museum. Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th

Report says Iran-contra panel thinks White House covered-up

By Paul Bolding
Reuter

NAQOURA, Lebanon — It is night in South Lebanon and Swedish and French soldiers of the United Nations forces leave their pizzas and a video film of pop star Madonna to peer out of the cafe at Israeli tanks rumbling past.

The U.N. view at all levels is that the best solution would be a total Israeli withdrawal, but we know that if there is to be an overall solution for South Lebanon it will not come quickly," said the peacekeepers' spokesman, Timor Goksel.

The mission of the nine-nation United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is to restore Lebanon's authority up to its southern border.

But the Merkava tanks help hold an Israeli-declared "security zone" along the border that stops the peacekeepers from carrying out their task.

The ill-defined zone, established by Israel after it withdrew most of its forces in 1985 after its Lebanon invasion three years earlier, is a strip around 100 kilometres wide including this coastal town where UNIFIL is based.

In this work they do the Israeli

army — a service — but at the same time Norwegian observation posts monitor their every movement where they can, in the zone and across the border.

"If they (Israelis) search people's homes, we go with them, to give people security. That also protects the Israelis against wrongful allegation," said Col. Nordgaard.

"They love us and they hate us," says one Norwegian soldier. "For us it is good practice because we are the nearest we get to war."

Officials at the headquarters in Naqoura are delighted at the withdrawal this month of the

U.N. troops watch helplessly as Israeli tanks pass

their allies of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia.

Col. Nordgaard's operations

chief, Maj. Terje Nordgaard, shows a sample of weapons seized

including M-16 rifles, Kalashnikov and Uzi submachine guns, rocket propelled grenade (RPG) launchers and lethal shrapnel-packed, radio-controlled roadside bombs.

One launcher, the RPG-75, made in Yugoslavia, was the first of its kind seen in the West. Maj. Nordgaard declared.

UNIFIL, with nearly 6,000 troops, was set up in 1978 to enforce a U.N. Security Council resolution demanding a complete Israeli withdrawal.

The force has lost 150 men

and 230 wounded and one

Irish soldier missing since 1981.

Local sources estimate that 1,000 Israeli army personnel back up the 3,000-strong SLA force.

"They are the occupying force

has rights and duties under the Geneva convention ... the IDF (Israeli army) has free movement on main roads through the area," says Commanding officer Col. Nordgaard.

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Officials at the headquarters in Naqoura are delighted at the

chance of confrontation between the rival factions.

They include Syrian-backed mainstream Shi'ite Amal militia, men, militants of the Iranian-aided Hezbollah (Party of God) Palestinians, Lebanese Communists, the Israelis and their militaries.

All are able to operate because of the power vacuum left by the war-ravaged country's 12-year-old

Israeli Northern Commander General Yossi Peled told the Jerusalem Post in an interview published on Oct. 16 that Israel sees no end to combat in the zone.

"In my opinion the fight to ensure the security of the northern settlements will continue for a very long time and, in all probability, the 'security zone' will continue to be the scene of daily, even hourly fighting," he said.

The Israelis, arguing that their northern settlements are in danger from attacks by Shi'ite guerrillas now as they were from Palestinians in the 1970s, have kept most of South Lebanon in the control of the SLA and a predecessor militia.

In the meantime, whether in their

UNIFIL must try to minimise the

Ethiopian rebels release French nurse

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — A French woman who has been held by Ethiopian rebels since Oct. 2 has been released in Khartoum and says she was treated well during her captivity, a rebel spokesman said Sunday.

Fisheba Afeorki, representative of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), told reporters that she had been in the government's garrison town of Rama in northern Ethiopia when TPLF forces overran it on Oct. 2, and was taken for her protection.

The statement said the TPLF had never considered Ms. Bedon as a hostage and had never made any pre-condition for her release.

She said she had been given the choice between being sent to the nearest Ethiopian government garrison or to Sudan.

Rebel radio said 34 vehicles

were destroyed by guerrillas of the Eritrean Popular Liberation Front (EPLF) in the attack on Friday. Aid agency sources said 16 loaded food trucks were des-

stroyed.

The Ethiopian government does not normally report guerrilla attacks.

Aid agency sources said the convoy was financed by Band Aid, which raised millions of dollars for African drought victims after the 1984 famine.

Band Aid representatives in Ethiopia described the attack as a catastrophe for the latest famine

relief operations in the Tigray area.

Crop failures in Tigray have left millions of people in danger of starvation and Ethiopia has already appealed for emergency food supplies to meet the crisis.

Large areas of Tigray and Eritrea are controlled by rebel groups, complicating the task of transporting and distributing aid supplies.</p

Jordan and Algeria sign trade agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Algeria have signed an agreement for trade cooperation. In addition the two countries have agreed to discuss the prospect of opening trade centres in their capitals; according to Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply Under Secretary Mohammad Saqqaf.

Mr. Saqqaf made the statement after returning from Algiers, in the company of Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Rajai Muasher, where they attended the 8th meeting of the Arab Organisation of Industrial Development (AOID) and held talks with Algerian government officials.

The agreement on trade cooperation provides for partially exempting 20 Algerian and Jordanian commodities from customs fees, according to Mr. Saqqaf. Both sides agreed on setting up exhibitions in Algiers and in Amman, in order to promote Jordanian and Algerian goods. Mr. Saqqaf said these exhibitions will allow either side to sell goods worth \$3 million.

Dakhqan meets railways federation board members

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Transport Ahmad Dakhqan received in his office on Sunday the chairman and members of the board of directors of the Arab Railways Federation (ARF).

The minister and the ARF representatives discussed cooperation between Jordan and the federation. Mr. Dakhqan emphasised the importance of railways for Jordan because of their beneficial effect on the economy and tourism.

The ARF had organised a four-day symposium on railways here last week, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. Mr. Dakhqan, who opened the conference on behalf of the Crown Prince, said that railways form the backbone of overland transportation in a majority of nations due to their relatively low operational cost and high standards of safety.



Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Haj Hassan addresses a Sunday press conference, in which he outlined statistics on labour violations and deportations since the ministry began its crackdown on illegal foreign labour (Petra photo)

JAMPCO signs contract with RJ to transport exports to Europe

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company (JAMPCO) has drawn up contracts with the Royal Jordanian, the national air carrier, for transporting agricultural crops from Jordan to European countries, JAMPCO Director-General Ghazi Abu Hassan said Sunday.

He said that JAMPCO made arrangements for shipping Jordanian citrus fruit to foreign countries via the port of Aqaba, because the fruit can usually remain in good condition for one month under normal weather conditions.

Mr. Abu Hassan, who returned to Amman Saturday evening from a visit to Bulgaria, said he discussed the subject of exporting Jordanian agricultural products to the Eastern European country.

According to Mr. Abu Hassan, JAMPCO plans to export up to 7,000 tonnes of vegetables and fruit to European countries in the coming agricultural season.

Over the past few months, officials from JAMPCO have been touring a number of Arab and European markets to determine

their needs for vegetables and fruit, and to discuss prospects of importing Jordanian crops. In addition, representatives from various importing companies have visited Amman to discuss similar issues with JAMPCO officials. Mr. Abu Hassan pointed out.

Referring to JAMPCO projects, the director-general said that the company has awarded a tender for setting up a factory for canning tomato paste and juice concentrates, a project scheduled to become operational early next year. He said that another factory, to be completed around the same time, will process citrus fruit. JAMPCO is due to receive warehouses for storing potatoes and onions in March 1987.

Last year, JAMPCO began processing tomato paste at its factory in Arida near Salt, which has a production capacity of 20 tonnes of paste an hour, at another factory at Ghor Al Safi south of the Dead Sea, which has a production capacity of 10 tonnes per hour and at the Marka processing plant east of Amman, Mr. Abu Hassan noted.

He said that Jordan's normal consumption capacity of tomato paste is 2,500 tonnes per year, and that the existing processing plants produce more than is needed for the market. The surplus is being exported to Egypt and Iraq.

The government has adopted a stable agricultural supply policy, in order to deal with the bottlenecks in production and marketing that the country used to suffer from in the past, Mr. Abu Hassan explained. He said one of the measures taken by the government in this regard was the application of the agricultural patterns system, whereby farmers are encouraged to grow certain types of crops that are guaranteed markets and good profits.

He added that JAMPCO was established to coordinate marketing of local products and to ensure sufficient supplies of commodities for local markets. In addition, Mr. Abu Hassan said JAMPCO plays a leading role in laying down proper and effective agricultural marketing policies for the country.

is also affirmed by their decoration — sometimes lavish mosaics and paintings, and stone carvings or stucco. Another paper entitled "Qasr Mshash and Qasr Ain Al-Sil: Two Umayyad Sites in Jordan" presented by Ghazi Bishan from the Department of Antiquities in Jordan further supported Dr. Carlier's research. Dr. Bishan states that the establishment of the Umayyad Dynasty in Damascus transformed the Jordanian steppe beyond the scope of any prior transformations.

The Umayyads introduced lavishly decorated residential buildings and baths, in addition to ensuring political stability and peace, which were conducive to the rehabilitation and growth of marginal lands. The area of Mshash is an example of the ecological transformation brought to a practically waterless area by careful husbanding of run-off water in innumerable reservoirs and cisterns, he said.

Dr. Bishan cites the Qasr Mshash, 19 kilometres east of Muwaqqar, as an example. Qasr Mshash was investigated most recently by Dr. Geoffrey King, in the course of a survey to re-examine the material remains in Jordan relating to the transition between the Byzantine and the Early Islamic periods. Preliminary analysis indicates that almost 90 per cent of the identifiable sherds (ceramic remains) were Umayyad in date and the rest were either Byzantine or Late Byzantine.

Further investigations of the Qasr (castle) and the surrounding areas by the Department of Antiquities showed that the construction of the small castles without corner towers and the building of a bathhouse, as well as the dispersion of the water installations over wide areas, implies a considerable degree of stability and peace on the one hand, and the existence of a pastoral community on the other.

Dr. Bishan pointed out that the last observation has led to the belief that the Qasr was primarily nonresidential in character, and that it was used by civil servants, government officials and soldiers on the route from Amman to the Hijaz. In addition, there is no evidence for extended occupation in the area of Mshash, nor for its use in the period which followed

the fall of the Umayyad Dynasty in the middle of the eighth century. After the transfer of the seat of the government from Damascus to Baghdad, less traffic passed through the Amman-Hijaz routes, and led to the eventual abandonment of the site of Mshash.

The second qasr "Ain Al Sil" is situated 1.75 kilometres north-east of Azraq castle. David Kennedy, who most recently examined it, suggested that the qasr's main structure is a Roman fortlet or a well-built farm house reoccupied and rebuilt in the Umayyad period. The qasr includes a bath suite, as well. However, the existence of two olive presses, and their sizes indicates that the qasr was the home of a small, agricultural estate more adapted to family use than to large plantation.

The agricultural activity is also indicated by the large quantity of plain, thick-bodied sherds recovered from the interior rooms of the qasr. Other finds include Umayyad pottery sherds, a lamp and a silver seal ring which bore an Arabic inscription engraved with retrograde letters. What Dr. Bishan considers to be remarkable about this qasr is the introduction of an urban amenity to what was primarily an agricultural estate.

Geoffrey R.D. King, a Middle East specialist from England, who presented a paper entitled "The Umayyad Qasr (castles) and Related Settlements in Jordan," aimed to provide a provisional review of the Umayyad period settlement in Jordan. Based on his research on intensive survey and excavations, Dr. King was able to pattern the settlement of the area in the first through second and seventh through eighth centuries. The areas of settlements his paper addresses are those along the northern and the western perimeters of the Jordanian desert in Hawran and Balqa, the Dead Sea and the River Jordan.

"Although much remains to be done, the study of the Umayyad period in Jordan in recent years has been distinguished by the emphasis on the techniques of archaeology rather than those of the architectural historian alone," he said.

While the Umayyads concentrated their efforts on building in

Haj Hassan reports on labour violations, deportations and ministry's policy developments

By Nermene Murad
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Haj Hassan said Sunday that there are at least 80,000 Egyptian and Syrian nationals believed to be in violation of Jordanian foreign employment laws. He said the estimated 70,000 Egyptians and 10,000 Syrians may face deportation from the Kingdom.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Haj Hassan said that 4,014 foreign workers had already been deported in the period between July 22 and Oct. 10 for violations of constitutional laws on foreign employment. He said most of the violators did not carry valid work permits.

The minister told reporters that there was an unspecified number of foreign workers who have been deported from Jordan for security reasons by the Public Security Department in cases that had nothing to do with labour laws.

Reading from a prepared statement, Mr. Haj Hassan said his ministry's aim was to "locate job opportunities for Jordanian workers and to maintain their rights and acquired gains within a framework that balances production, productivity and work, and their rates, constantly."

Mr. Haj Hassan said the government was hoping to strike a balance between the interests of employees and their employers.

He added that it was "a heavy responsibility on us that requires monitoring all the changes in the labour market, researching variables and analysing their effects to enable us to draw suitable policies and take necessary measures."

The minister's statement came after a growing controversy over the ministry's decision to stop issuing any new work permits to foreign workers and the deportation of violators.

"At the directives of His Majesty King Hussein," Mr. Haj Hassan said, "the government appointed a ministerial committee representing concerned parties and sectors to study the unemployment problem and suggest suitable solutions, whose short and long-term recommendations were later approved by the Cabinet." The official figure on unemployment in Jordan is 8 per cent, which accounts only for those registered as unemployed at the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Haj Hassan said that Jordan was facing "structural unemployment" — a phenomenon characterised by an excess of

supply in certain professions and university specialisations, such as social and management sciences, medicine and engineering, while at the same time, there is a deficiency in some para-professions, especially in the fields of agriculture, construction, industry and services.

According to the minister, statistics available on the labour market show that there are currently about 40,000 jobseekers, no less than 75 per cent of them graduates of secondary schools, community colleges and universities.

As the data from the Civil Service Commission shows, the statistics say nearly 16,000 of job applicants are females.

The ministry's decision to stop issuing new work permits has been implemented since Jan. 1, 1987, but does not cover workers in agriculture and a few other fields in which foreign labour is still needed. The minister said permits for workers in those fields would continue to be issued only until the end of this year.

The measures so far adopted by the ministry to increase job opportunities for Jordanians includes a June 1986 labour law amendment in which foreign labour cannot be imported or employed until it is positive that no Jordanian worker is available to fill the same job. In case there is no Jordanian worker suitable for the job, priority would then be given to an Arab worker.

Penalties and fines are imposed on employers who hire immigrant labour without work permits from the ministry. In addition, foreign workers are repatriated at the employer's expense. The minister said that so far, 3,906 employers have violated these laws by employing foreign workers without work permits. Those employers were fined a minimum of JD 50 and up to JD 75 for each month of employment, or part of the month, during which a worker was employed illegally.

Responding to reports of mistreating illegal workers, Mr. Haj Hassan said that such mistreatment incidents were "rare and far apart," and that "we are all re-

sponsible" for such incidents. He refused to say who was directly responsible but added that mistreatment of deported workers were "individual mistakes." There were reports in the local press that some workers being deported were mistreated and that some of them had no time to collect their wages and other rights, such as compensations from the Social Security Corporation. Mr. Haj Hassan said his ministry did not receive any complaints on its deportation measures.

He pointed out that an agreement has been signed between the governments of Jordan and Egypt, stipulating that any Egyptian citizen who comes to Jordan for a visit, work, or business has to register at a security office in Jordan within two weeks, and that those who do not comply are considered in violation of the security law in Jordan. They would be given a limited period to put their papers in order; otherwise, the minister said, the law would have to be implemented.

Foreign labourers were originally given work permits in Jordan at a time when unemployment was virtually nonexistent. They are considered favourably by employers for conceding to work long hours with low wages which are not accepted by Jordanians.

Mr. Haj Hassan said the ministry was aware of the wages problem and was considering a plan for imposing minimum wages. "We hope to reach a decision and have it implemented by the end of this year," he said.

The ministry said it was coordinating with the Vocational Training Corporation, the General Federation of Labour Unions, the Chamber of Industry, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and employer's unions to prepare and train Jordanians to fulfil "the urgent needs of the Jordanian market in some professions."

The ministry said it has computerised its work" to improve the service of matching the demands of jobseekers to available jobs and gather accurate data about the labour market.

The ministry has also opened a new employment office for unemployed Jordanians at the building of the General Federation of Labour Unions.

The new office was contributed by the federation.

There are 19 ministry employment offices in Amman, Irbid, Balqa, Karak and Ma'an.

Photography exhibit depicts India's turbulent, vibrant past and present

By Sana Atiyeh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge... At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds expression." These were Jawaharlal Nehru's famous words 40 years ago, when he was about to pronounce India's independence from the British colonial empire.

The same message is evident throughout an exhibition of photographs of India, which opened at the University of Jordan on Sunday. The exhibition, entitled "A Tryst with Destiny," shows India's natural beauty: The majestic Ganges River — the holy Ganga for the Hindus — flows down from the mighty Himalayas to the central Indian plateau; people swim in blue seas and relax on white shores under coconut trees, camels roam the sandy desert. Green plains, snow-capped mountains of Kashmir and exotic, wildflowers growing on the water are colourfully pictured.

The exhibition, organised by the Embassy of India in cooperation with the Jordan-India Friendship Society and opened by University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali, is part of celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of India's independence and the 100th birthday of Nehru, independent India's first prime minister.

Dr. J. Maurice Fiey from Lebanon presented a paper "Umayyads in Syriac Sources," based on sources that were translated from Syriac. In addition, a colleague from England, Dr. J.F. Healey discussed a paper on "Syriac Sources and the Umayyad Period."

In recent years, some academic attention has been paid to the pre-Islamic Arab inscriptions; still, he feels the time has come to concentrate more on the early dated inscriptions of which the Umayyad era, particularly in Bilad Al Sham, yields an interesting corpus.

This paper attempts to catalogue a selection of this corpus, ten in number, fashioned in such diverse materials as stone, clay and silk, all of which can be precisely dated, or at least fall within the caliphate of one of the

various religions of the sub-continent — Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Jainism, Buddhism and Zoroastrianism, the colourful festivals, from Kashmir in the north to Kerala in the south, which bring Indians together, regardless of caste and creed and the numerous, vibrant dance forms in the land of over 750 million people and hundreds of dialects.

The cultural heritage of India over the centuries, its traditions and their influence on life in contemporary India is highlighted throughout the collection. Colourful photographs portray different forms of entertainment, of music, dance, theatre and cinema. Upon viewing a picture of Kerala's traditional *kathakali* dance, which dates back thousands of years, one gets the impression that the dancers are wearing modern masks under their glittering headgear; it is surprising to be told that their faces are actually made-up with colours depicting the nature of the character they are playing. "It takes them many hours to put on their make-up," remarked an Indian to the Jordan Times.

Another basic theme of the display is the remarkable progress that India has achieved in the field of industry in the forty years following its independence. The photographs show that the country has justifiably earned the ranking of third in the world in scientific and technical skills. Pictures of professionals and workers — from scientists to labourers — are scattered throughout this collection.

The final set of photographs depict young people in schools and universities and draw attention to the importance of education in India. One cannot but notice the look of hope in the eyes of the Indian youth.

The photographs, taken by several Indian photographers for the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, will be on display at the Activities Complex Hall at the university from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until Oct. 29.

In addition to an exhibition of India's past, featuring ancient

artefacts, another display shows old photographs of India's peaceful struggle for independence. Included in this collection is a picture of the famous massacre of Jallianwala Bagh, where British troops opened fire on thousands of demonstrators confined within the walls of a large stadium, killing hundreds and injuring thousands. Another picture shows the legendary Mahatma Gandhi speaking to the masses. A touching photograph is that of Gandhi talking to his disciple and student, Nehru.

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Two bodies found buried in Schneller camp

AMMAN (J.T.) — Policemen have found the bodies of a 35-year-old woman and her three-year-old daughter buried under a concrete floor in a house near Russeifa, northeast of Amman, according to reports in the local Arabic dailies. The two bodies were taken to Al Basit Hospital for autopsies, while concerned authorities are investigating the incident. Also in Amman, a 19-year-old girl, Wajida A. Alawin, was killed by a stray bullet fired during a wedding ceremony.

July 26, 1987



Al Fajir band performing on Babylon's main theatre (Photo by Najwa Najjar)

Palestinian group enchants Babylon Festival's audience

By Najwa Najjar

The writer recently returned from Baghdad after attending Babyon's first cultural festival.

BAGHDAD: One of the most captivating evenings at the first Babylon Festival will be remembered by many for weeks to come was the show put on by the National Palestinian Folklore Group from Kuwait.

Waves of people moved by rhythm, swaying from side to side, and wiped tears as the troupe brought back memories of Palestine and sang of love for their country and for their freedom.

The 30 member troupe danced and sang at the Babylon theatre, which did not hold all the people who came to watch the performance.

The need for such a group was deemed necessary seven years ago by a Palestinian living in Kuwait, Sami Atari. One of his pupils, now the head of the group's art and dabke, 26-year-old Ibrahim Shtiwi said, "This is our way of keeping our culture alive. To me a person without culture has no organ as culture is the basis for identity."

Ibrahim referred to the Israeli practices of denying Palestinians the freedom to express their identity through song or dance. "They (the Israelis) try to claim

our national dress and dance as their own," he said.

A bright array of Arab folk costumes and headdresses flooded the stage and traditional jewellery glittered under the lights as the dancers whose ages ranged from 14-12 performed their dances.

Each of the dances represented a different part of Palestine with a costume to match. In addition to the traditional dances, modified slightly to fit the trend of times, the programme included a be-doun and a militant dance.

Often the dances were to songs which have become part of the Palestinian heritage like *Maryoma* and *al Tayarah* (the airplane). All the songs were played by the members of the group using the traditional Arab instruments of tableh, lute, flute or recorder, and other instruments like the tambourine, violin and accordion at varying times.

Towards the middle of the show an expressive dance to the song on Jerusalem by the renowned Lebanese singer, Fairouz, was acted to celebrate the eight hundredth anniversary of Salah Al Din Al Ayyoub's liberation of Jerusalem from the Crusaders.

Al Fajir band, also from Kuwait, consisted of four members; vocalist Nizar Alayyan, 24, on drums and percussions; Jamal Sarraji, 21, on guitar and oud;

The group has performed in festivals in Kuwait, Algeria and Bahrain.

Colour is bursting out all over the U.K. newspaper world. Now, the Sunday supplements will soon be taking on their parents in the drive for advertising, says Feanna McEwan.

LONDON — When The Observer's born-again colour supplement hit Britain's breakfast tables recently, complete with new title and hard spine, it signalled the next phase of the metamorphosis taking place in the U.K.'s colour magazine market.

Just weeks ago, the Sunday Telegraph magazine flaunted a fresh face: A new logo on the cover, upgrading of the quality of paper together with a multi-media advertising campaign to short about it.

Once wafer-slim pull-outs which arrived in the U.K. about 20 years ago as adjuncts to the host newspaper, supplements have matured into thick publications, valid in their own right. In short, supplements are becoming the forefront here.

This explosion of colour makes the press a more exciting and competitive vehicle for advertisers which previously found it on TV and in magazines. "Perhaps the press can take advertisers out of television on the back of on-the-run colour," says Mr. Mike Yerushon of Yerushon Media, referring to television's high price — prohibitive for some advertisers — and its fragmentation.

The latest revamps of The Observer and the Sunday Telegraph are seen by the advertising community as an attempt to close the gap with the acknowledged pace-setters in the field — the Sunday Times which pioneered the sector in the 1960s and the younger, more avant-garde You magazine from the Mail on Sunday. The latter is said to be the nearest thing to a stand-alone publication and widely admired for its editorial savvy.

Industry observers now watch the Sunday Express magazine and the News of the World's Sunday to see whether they will respond to the repositioning in the sector. Sunday, particularly, faces increasing competition from the women's weeklies and new mass circulation magazines such as Best, with more than 1 million circulation, and Chat.

Revenue for the sector has risen from £48 million (£78 million) in 1980 to £142 million in 1986, which is a rise from 11.3 per cent of the total national newspaper advertising sector to 16.8 per cent, according to the Adver-

tising Association.

The sector exploded about five years ago with the appearance of the Sunday Express magazine and the Mail on Sunday's You magazine. "They dramatically changed the market," says Yerushon.

Creatively, the supplements are seen as a showpiece for advertisers. Traditionally, they have been regarded by media buyers as a surrogate male magazine, a means of tapping a male readership — particularly upmarket men in reasonable numbers, says Vic Davies of The Media Business.

Increasingly, he believes, the publishers are looking to develop the women's market and generate growth with one-off special supplements inside the magazines.

But there is room for improvement, said the advertising media specialists. "The Sunday papers need to make the magazines better products," says Davies "otherwise cynical media buyers would just look at how cheaply they can buy space irrespective of whether it's in the supplement or the paper."

In the U.K. where there is a highly developed women's magazine sector, anyone trying to take that on can't have the thrown-together editorial that some of the colour supplements have been producing. To be viewed as magazines they have to have the editorial content, style and feel, and be as professional as the women's magazine sector," says Davies.

In this respect, "You magazine has good editorial — not just full of ads," says Chris Thornton, of agency Edwards Martin Thornton, referring to the mind-numbing blocks of ads now appearing in some supplements. Nine car ads, for instance, in a row is not unknown.

Nor do advertisers know just how potent the colour supplement medium really is. The medium is largely unresearched and people take it on trust. John Ayliffe, media specialist, airs the reservations felt by many media buyers. "Colour in quality papers can now justify a cost premium against the considerably more cluttered supplement environment with its questionable editorial content. Would you get the same value for the ninth car spread in a supplement?"

— Financial Times feature.

Knowledge network wins support

By Clyde Sanger

VANCOUVER — One of the positive outcomes of the Commonwealth Conference was the acceptance, in principle, of a top report on the need for increased educational facilities.

Mrs. Thatcher and the Indian, Zimbabwean, and other prime ministers forgot their differences to discuss the report, titled Towards a Commonwealth of Learning, and a scheme dubbed the Commonwealth University of the Commonwealth of Learning.

The report of the expert group, headed by Lord Asa Briggs, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, is seen as a powerful contribution in restoring the situation.

The network it proposes could reach millions of students with academic and technical courses. It suggests a mixture of print, audio tapes, video discs, and satellite technology.

Whatever the name, the fundamental concept is simple — that there is today an explosion of knowledge and communications technology which can be harnessed at a modest cost to supply many of the higher-education needs developing countries cannot tackle individually.

These needs have been enlarged by growing numbers of secondary school-leavers in every country, and the raising of tuition fees in Britain, Canada and elsewhere, which have reduced the number of foreign students coming from all but the richer countries.

The point was made during the opening session of the summit by Mr. James Mitchell, St. Vincent's Prime Minister, who was "absolutely overjoyed" to return to

Vancouver, the city of his student days.

And the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Sir Shridath Ramphal, warned that countries like France, with twice as many foreign students as Britain, and Japan, were ready to fill the vacuum. "I fear that, unless restorative action is taken, important foundations of the Commonwealth could be undermined," he said, commanding the Briggs report to heads of government.

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It summarises a great deal of successful experience in distance education, from Nigeria, where 26,000 primary-school teachers have been trained without leaving the classroom, to British Columbia, where 13,000 students are enrolled in the "knowledge network" using television and modems.

The report rejected the idea of a full-scale Commonwealth open university, in favour of an agency helping existing institutions with materials, training, and back-up services. After five years, it might have a professional and administrative staff of 60, and cost £8 million a year to run.

In July, the Commonwealth

education ministers met in Nairobi and unanimously decided that the ideas in the Briggs report were "timely, practical and likely to be effective."

There was equal enthusiasm in Vancouver. Canada proposed a modified scheme with five regional units, and offered £6 million over the first five years. Malta offered to host its headquarters, while Mr. Bob Hawke, of Australia, supported the Canadian scheme, and wanted ideas fleshed out.

For Zimbabwe, Mr. Robert Mugabe said an international network could be useful in courses such as engineering and accountancy. Ghana was equally keen.

Leaders and secretariate officials held their breath when the Sultan of Brunei, the world's richest person, spoke, but, although he said it was relevant to his little country where he started a university three years ago, he did not mention money.

Mrs. Thatcher did, however. She warned how expensive Britain's Open University had been, and how much more cost-effective the Open College would be.

The report was realistic, but "a fantastic amount of work needs to be done before you get started."

Reacting to her caution, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi said the scheme was "imaginative and far-sighted."

So the initiative is back with the secretariate, for Sir Shridath to gather a committee for detailed work — The Guardian.

Randa Habib's Corner

Illegible voices

IN THE last few weeks there has been a great fuss over the government crackdown on illegal workers, especially labourers from Egypt.

Many columnists and writers expressed concern over the way the authorities dealt with the issue. There were complaints of ill-treatment, hasty deportations and compromised rights. The Ministry of Labour says that there are around 70,000 illegal workers in the country. The ministry maintains that to deal with this great number is an enormous task. They say that such a deportation occurs everywhere in the world, and that every country has the right to expel any foreigner who is illegally residing within its territory.

Personally, however, I have seen no proof of all the "beating and ill-treatment" that so many people have mentioned. Rumours also spread in town about a demonstration in front of the Jordanian embassy in Cairo. No source confirmed these reports, however. So, I consider them rumours until they are proven otherwise.

Still, a few points remain. First, illegal workers should have been given at least 24 hours notice before being deported. Some of them may have had debts to pay or unpaid wages to collect. Second, it would have been a good idea before expelling the labourers to ask them about work conditions they encountered in the country. Most worked unreasonable hours at very low wages — a situation that was more like slavery. Any information in this regard would have been very useful to government departments concerned with the labour issue. In any case, I am sure that, today, those who are shouting about the way the authorities treated illegal workers are the same who, for so long, took great advantage of these low-paid labourers, making it impossible to develop a Jordanian labour class. What they are crying about, in fact, is the expectation that they may be required to pay higher wages from now on.

Is patriarch Joseph in Cairo museum?

By Graham Heathcote

The Associated Press

LONDON — The author of a new book claims a mummy in a Cairo museum is the Biblical figure Joseph who led the tribe of Israel into Egypt.

"I believe I have proved the mummy Yuya in the Cairo museum is really Joseph the patriarch," said Ahmed Osman, author of "Stranger in the Valley of the Kings." The book was published Thursday by Souvenir Press.

"I feel excited that my work is at last in print. I hope others will be encouraged to investigate it," said Osman, 53, a teacher and translator who researched his theory for 22 years.

Osman said in an interview that for centuries scholars have tried without success to establish a link between any of the important figures in the Biblical Old Testament and the history of Egypt.

"I am sure that Yuya, who was chief administrator and therefore virtual ruler of Egypt under the Pharaohs Tuthmosis IV and his son, Amenhotep III, between 1413 and 1367 B.C., was the Joseph of the Book of Genesis," the author said.

Chapters 37 to 50 of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tell Joseph's story in great detail.

The Bible said Joseph's father, Jacob, loved him more than his other children and "made him a coat of many colours." Joseph's jealous half brothers took his coat and sold him into slavery in Egypt.

There he ultimately rose to power, greatly increased the grain harvest to guard against famine and eventually sent for all his family, the tribe of Israel, to join him.

Genesis ends with Joseph's death, embalming and burial in Egypt.

Osman's interest was first aroused by the passage where Joseph calls himself "a father to pharaoh."

"That always seems to have been overlooked," Osman said. Yuya's tomb was discovered by

— The Guardian.

They are in the Cairo museum," he said.

Osman reports that Mohammad Saleh, the Cairo museum director, disbelieves his theory, but Osman hopes his book will inspire a new examination of the mummy by scientific methods.

Ronald Clements, professor of Old Testament studies at King's College in London, commented: "Osman has made a good case, but I should want to recognise that some knowledge of the figure of the Egyptian Yuya could have provided a basis for the Biblical stories about Joseph."

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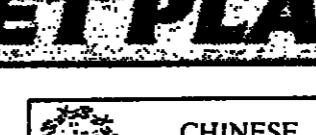
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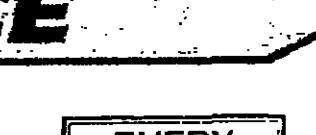
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Pakistan thrashes Sri Lanka; tightens grip on group's lead

FAISALABAD, Pakistan (Agencies) — Pakistan defeated Sri Lanka by 113 runs Sunday, tightening its hold on first place in Pool B of the 4th World Cup Cricket Tournament.

Pakistan, led by Imran Khan, won the toss and elected to bat first. The Pakistanis made 297 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 50 overs.

Sri Lanka could score only 184 for the loss of 8 wickets in its 50 overs.

Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo watched the later part of the match.

Pakistani batsman Salim Malik, in a sparkling attack, made 100 runs — his first century in one-day international cricket. Two other Pakistanis, Imran Khan and Wasim Akram — hit 39 runs each.

Pool A of the tournament is being played in India.

Sri Lankan bowlers Ravi Ratnayake, Vinodan John, Jegannathan, Anurasi and Arvinda Desilva took one wicket each. Two Pakistanis, Imran Khan and Wasim Akram, were run out.

West Indian breaks bone in arm

In Jaipur giant West Indies fast bowler Tony Gray fractured

a bone in his arm during practice here on Sunday and will be out for the remainder of the World Cup.

Gray was batting in the nets at the Jaipur ground where West Indies face England on Monday when a ball reared from a length and struck him on the left arm.

The six-foot-seven-inch Trinidadian fell to the ground with a shout of pain clutching his arm. He was taken to hospital and returned later with his arm in plaster.

Carl Hooper, a bowler of gentle pace, did the damage. "The ball seemed to hit something in the pitch and shot up off a good length," manager Clyde Walcott said.

Gray, who plays for English County Surrey, has not appeared in any of West Indies' World Cup matches and was not expected to be included against England on Monday.

India looks to Maninder's spin

Left-arm spinner Maninder Singh will have to prove his captain's contention that he can "get

turn on any pitch" when champions India face Zimbabwe in a World Cup Group A match here on Monday.

The 22-year-old Sikh has been his team's outstanding bowler with nine wickets in their first four matches but he will be tested here by a flat pitch which groundsmen Dhiraj Parsana predicted would seam early on and then be full of runs.

Indian captain Kapil Dev was confident, though, that however lifeless the pitch, Maninder would spin the ball. He could have added that if there was a breeze he would use that too, as he did so beautifully in New Delhi last Thursday when he undermined Australia's innings by dismissing three of their top four batsmen.

Maninder has not always been successful. "Luck did not smile on me at the beginning of my career," he said, remembering his first tour of Pakistan where several catches were missed off his bowling. "If you don't have luck, catches won't stick. Even the simple ones."

But now he is a permanent fixture in the side and demonstrating brilliantly that there is a role for slow bowlers in the one-day games. "I have always believed spinners could play a successful role in limited overs cricket. Even if one does not get wickets, one can still contain batsmen," he said.

India's 36-run victory over Australia lifted them to the top of Group A but they lead the Australians by only 0.11 on run rate and they are mindful of the need to score quickly against Zimbabwe. Finishing second in the section would mean a trip to Lahore and a semifinal confrontation with Imran Khan's all-conquering Pakistani team.

"We will plan the best way to get runs after 15 overs," said Kapil Dev. "Obviously we want to stay in India for the semifinals."

Kapil said he would pick the team from the same 12 named before the Australia match. Zimbabwe will again be without Peter Rawson and Kevin Curran will play as a batsman having injured his back.



Imad Al Sa'id



Murad Barakat

Jordan surges ahead in Arab basketball tourney

ABU DHABI (J.T.) — The Jordanian military basketball team was scheduled to play the Syrian team Sunday evening and, according to observers, the Jordanians stand a big chance for winning the heat.

In Saturday's match with the Iraqi team Jordan won by 86 points against 79. The result reversed Jordan's loss in a match against the Iraqis in Cairo last month. Several tactics were em-

ployed by members of the Jordanian team, under the instructions of their coach, which helped to wrest victory. Should Jordan

loses Sunday's match with Syria it will have to compete for a semi-final position with a team from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Murad Barakat and Imad Al Sa'id were the striking force of the Jordanian team.

Iraq hands Iran olive branch, volleyball crush

KUWAIT (R) — Iraq gave Iran an olive branch and flowers on Sunday before going on to trounce its Gulf war enemy — on the volleyball court.

Iraq's non-violent 3-1 victory clinched ninth place for it in the Asian Men's Volleyball Championship.

Iraq gained the upper hand initially, winning the first set 15-7, but Iran fought back to take the second 8-15.

The third and fourth sets went to the Iraqis 15-12, 15-11.

The Iranian Embassy says some 70,000 Iranians live in Kuwait despite a high state of tension between the emirate and Iran over its support for Iraq in the war.

Since the Iranian team arrived 10 days ago, Kuwait has accused Iran of firing three Silkworm missiles at oil targets off its coast, one of which put its main Gulf oil terminal out of action.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Edberg beats Lendl in Seiko tennis

TOKYO (AP) — Stefan Edberg upset Ivan Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-4 Sunday for the championship of the \$375,000 Seiko Super Tennis. Edberg, of Sweden, the world's second-ranked player, received first prize money of \$60,000. Lendl, from Czechoslovakia, received \$30,000. Edberg reached the finals by beating Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-2 in the semifinals Saturday, while Lendl beat Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-0, 6-2.

U.S. wins 7th consecutive bridge title

OCHO RIOS, Jamaica (AP) — The United States won its seventh consecutive Bermuda bowl contract Bridge World Team Championship Saturday, defeating Britain in a match that went down to the wire. The American team won by the score of 354-290. The match was close until the end of their 176-deal three-day battle. In the final 16 deals, the Americans outscored their opponents 58-8.

World Series hairdos seen in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Twins fever is going to the heads of some fans in Minneapolis. One of the latest fads spawned by the Twins postseason success is the "Dome Do," a hairstyle that resembles the Metrodome Sports Stadium. The high-standing hairstyle has red lines running from top to bottom to resemble the Dome's supports, and some are topped off by Homer hankies. Twins fans can get a Dome Do, which was created by Aaron Nicholson of Minneapolis, for \$35 to \$50.

Floods cause postponement of golf events

SYDNEY (R) — Floods in Sydney have forced the postponement of Sunday's final round of the New South Wales Open Golf until Monday. More than 125 mm of rain from overnight storms lashed the course, with parts of the fairways and greens under water. The outcome of Craig Parry's bid to win the open should be revealed on Sunday. Organisers are hastily rescheduling the final 18 holes over two tees, beginning at 8:35 a.m. to cope with any further stoppages through rain. The forecast is for more heavy rain with fresh winds.

Portsmouth manager threatens to quit

LONDON (R) — Alan Ball, manager of English First Division soccer newcomers Portsmouth, threatened to quit on Saturday after his team was beaten 2-1 by Queen's Park Rangers in a league match. But Ball, a member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning team, refused to confirm that his threat was connected with club chairman John Deacon's wish to sell striker Ian Baird back to Second Division Leeds. Baird scored Portsmouth's lone goal on Saturday.

China dominates world gymnastics

ROTTERDAM (R) — Lou Yun kept up China's reputation as the kings of the floor exercises with his second perfect performance in four days to win a gold medal at the World Gymnastics Championships on Sunday. The stocky Lou, 23, followed in the footsteps of two of his talented countrymen — Tong Fei, who won the floor title at the last two world championships, and Li Yeu-jin, joint gold medallist with Yuri Korolev of the Soviet Union in 1981.

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Rojas retains WBC super flyweight title

MIAAMI (R) — Jesus "Sugar Baby" Rojas retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) super flyweight championship on Saturday when the referee stopped his scheduled 12-round bout against Gustavo Ballas of Colombia in the fourth round.

Referee Jesus Arias Torres of Mexico stopped the fight at two minutes and 39 seconds into the round, after Ballas had been knocked down twice.

Ballas, 30, stung Rojas with a right hand midway through the first round, but the champion then went on the offensive and scored with several lefts before the bell.

"I didn't know much about Ballas, but I found out right away that he was strong," Rojas said. "He stung me in the first round."

"After that I tried to move side-to-side to pressure him when I could. I could reach him with the left hand so everything I scored with came off that left jab."

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Soviet stadium closed following fans riot

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet soccer authorities have closed the stadium of struggling First Division team Guriya Lanchkuti for six matches after fans rioted when their team lost a league game against Metallist Kharkov on Oct. 17.

The official TASS News Agency said the stadium, in Soviet Georgia, had been ordered closed by the Soviet Football Federation (SFF) due to "undisciplined conduct by fans."

It said a match between Guriya and Torpedo Moscow scheduled Oct. 31 would be held instead in Volgograd.

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Economy

Wall Street crash worries Israelis

TEL AVIV (AP) — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Saturday he was worried about a possible impact of the New York Stock Exchange crisis on the U.S. foreign aid and Israel's security.

"If the gloomy prophecies would turn out to be true... and if there would be a cut in the American military aid, Israel's security will be harmed," Rabin said in an Israel Army Radio interview.

Israel receives \$3 billion a year in American aid, of them \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid.

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Other Israeli observers voiced concern about a possible effect of the stock market crisis on the Israeli fund-raising efforts among the American Jewish organisations.

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"The Arab states that confront us not only their own means but the help of the Arab oil-producing nations and the generous aid of the Soviet Union. We can't build our military power on our own," Rabin said.

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Rabin said the dramatic 50-point collapse of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday could enforce a "growing trend in Congress to diminish the budget deficit by cutting the budget."

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His organisation, the newspaper said, last year contributed over \$300 million to vital social programmes in Israel, while other Jewish fund-raising organisations contributed tens of millions.

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"Cash payments and pledges by contributors... will be affected by the stock market plunge," Ernest Michel, a New York official of the United Jewish Appeal, was quoted as saying by the Post to Tokyo.

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But oil-rich governments such as Kuwait were unlikely to sell their stakes in European and U.S. firms.

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"Individuals are very nervous... an awful lot of banks are holding an awful lot of hands very tightly," one economist said.

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Economists and investment bankers said the strategies of wealthy individuals — many the heads of long-established Gulf merchant families — and of oil states are often different.

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Private Arab investors have sometimes sought short-term gain, moving quickly in and out of world stock markets. The tendency to "play the market" has, however, decreased markedly since the \$90 billion crash in 1982 of the unofficial Kuwaiti stock market known as the Souk Al Manakh.

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Governments, foremost Kuwait and Saudi Arabia which still possess huge foreign reserves built up during the oil boom days of the early 1980s, have adopted a far longer-term policy.

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"The stock market fall may have wiped out paper profits for nations like Kuwait," said an economist.

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"But some corporate stakes have been built up over years and there is a long-term commitment, with seats on the board and a true interest in profitability and development of firms," he added.

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Investment bankers said the strategy for private wealth, often managed by banks in Bahrain, London and Switzerland, will only be fully reassessed when the dust settles on Wall Street.

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Blast damages Indian office as Jaffna battle enters 3rd week

COLOMBO (R) — An explosion ripped through an Indian High Commission (embassy) office in central Sri Lanka on Sunday as Indian troops and Tamil separatists took their battle for the northern city of Jaffna into a third week.

A police official said two security men in the office of the assistant high commission in Kandy were unhurt in the blast, which blew out the building's windows and caused one of its walls to collapse.

Residents said the explosion at 2.45 a.m. could be heard throughout Kandy, a hill city whose 120,000 people have remained largely unscathed by the Indian Ocean island's four years of ethnic violence.

Police in Kandy, about 110 kilometres east of Colombo, said the explosion was caused by a bomb placed in a toilet beneath the office of the assistant high commissioner.

A spokesman said there was no immediate indication of who carried out the attack.

The blast occurred as Indian troops pressed their assault against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Jaffna after cutting the separatist guer-

illas' main supply line into the northern city.

"It will be soon. It is only a matter of time," an Indian officer told journalists who flew to Jaffna on Saturday to report on India's assault on an estimated 2,000 guerrillas fighting to continue an armed struggle for an independent Tamil homeland.

The Indian-arranged visit, the first by Sri Lankan-based reporters since the attack began on Oct. 10, reflected a new Indian optimism about the chances of crushing Tamil opposition to a peace accord signed by Colombo and New Delhi.

India says it has lost more than 130 men and killed at least 600 guerrillas. The guerrillas say the Indians have lost hundreds of troops while their casualties have been minimal.

Eyewitnesses reported on Saturday that the Tigers were fighting running battles with Indian troops and systematically

laying landmines in shell-pocked buildings which they abandoned as Indian armoured cars rumbled slowly forward.

"Eight Tigers dodged from tree to tree and corner to corner, firing their rifles. They were so active the Indians must have thought there were dozens of them," said one witness.

Guerrillas operating on the outskirts of Jaffna behind Indian lines were having increasing difficulty in linking up with their comrades in the city centre, he said.

Refugees coming from Jaffna said they believed the Tigers were still able to move around the Jaffna metropolitan area through an extensive network underground tunnels.

Further south, Indian troops have cut the guerrillas' main route for infiltrating food and arms from the rest of Sri Lanka to the peninsula where Jaffna is located.

In New Delhi, Defence Minister K.C. Pant called on the Tigers to surrender and said there was still room for political dialogue.

He told members of India's ruling Congress (I) Party that the Tigers could work towards nor-

minalisation in Jaffna, the island's largest Tamil-dominated city and the guerrillas' stronghold.

India plans to send senior civil servants to run areas of northern Sri Lanka captured by its troops from Tamil guerrillas, two newspapers reported on Sunday.

Sixteen Tamil-speaking administrators would be sent to the northern Jaffna peninsula and eastern Sri Lanka soon, India's Sunday Observer and Sunday Mail quoted informed government sources as saying.

The chief government spokesman said he could not comment on the reports, which were not carried by India's large-circulation English-language newspapers.

The reports said the decision showed that India expected to be entrenched in Sri Lanka for much longer than the few months it envisaged when it sent troops there in July.

The Sri Lankan authorities had given the plan "tacit approval," the papers said.

"The decision to send its civil servants to Jaffna indicates that India's involvement in (Sri) Lanka is not a short-time proposition," the Sunday Observer said.

Zhao opens Chinese congress with attack on corruption, bureaucracy

PEKING (R) — China's Communist Party opened its five-year congress on Sunday with an attack on corruption among senior officials and a call for the next generation of leaders to be promoted.

Deng Xiaoping, the country's 83-year-old paramount leader, entered the vast Great Hall of the People to applause from nearly 2,000 delegates and presided over the opening ceremony.

Centre place on the rostrum was ceded to Premier Zhao Ziyang, a relatively young protege of Mr. Deng, who is widely expected to be picked as the next head of the 46-million-member party.

"There are major defects in our system of leadership ...," Mr. Zhao conceded in a speech that criticised internal party weaknesses and seemed calculated to provide fresh impetus to Mr. Deng's controversial reform programme.

Several of China's elderly revolutionaries had to be helped to their seats by attendants and comrades.

Chen Yun, 82, took more than a minute to reach his place, walking slowly on the arm of Mr. Zhao, 13 years his junior.

Widely regarded as a leading party hardliner opposed to the pace of Mr. Deng's reforms, Mr. Chen is expected to retire from the powerful five-man Politburo Standing Committee after the congress along with President Li Xianian.

Dressed in a dark blue Western-style suit, Mr. Zhao delivered

a long, wide-ranging speech that included attacks on corruption and excessive bureaucracy.

What the people complain a lot about now is that a small number of party members, particularly leading cadres, have abused their power for private gains at the expense of the people's interest," Mr. Zhao said.

He called on the party to have the courage to promote younger officials.

"In our efforts to promote younger cadres to leading posts, we should now focus on members of the central leading bodies. We propose that this congress take a big step forward in this respect," Mr. Zhao declared.

China's new leadership is expected to be announced after the congress concludes on Nov. 1.

Outside the hall, several thousand people gathered in the expansive of Peking's Tiananmen Square under the watchful gaze of hundreds of police.

A police dog was led around the many flower displays adorning the square, presumably in search of explosives.

Last July, a man was seized by police after causing a loud explosion in the square. There was no explanation of his motive in the official press, which described him a worker in a fireworks factory. He was executed.

The congress is the most open for more than 30 years. Journalists were allowed to listen to Mr. Zhao's speech which lasted about 2½ hours and the proceedings were broadcast live on television.

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Prince Charles returns to family home

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles has joined his wife at Highgrove, their Gloucestershire estate, after a prolonged separation that set the British press afire with rumours of trouble in the couple's six-year marriage. The Prince and Princess of Wales have been seen in public together only since Sept. 16. They went to Carmarthen, Wales, on Wednesday to tour the flood-stricken area. But they parted immediately afterward. 38-year-old Charles returned to the royal family's Balmoral estate in Scotland, and Princess Diana, 26, returned to their two sons in London. Charles, eldest son and heir of Queen Elizabeth II, had been staying with his grandmother, the Queen Mother Elizabeth, at Birkhall in Balmoral where he is involved in estate management. Diana arrived at Highgrove by helicopter Saturday afternoon to find a huge bouquet of chrysanthemums and carnations from her husband, British newspapers said Sunday. Charles arrived by chauffeur-driven car as night fell after flying from Scotland to a nearby airfield. Despite rumours that the royal marriage was in trouble, the British domestic news agency Press Association quoted one unidentified source "close to the couple" as saying their relationship was "fine." The agency said friends of the couple believe they are the victims of a circulation war in the tabloid press. However, the Sunday Times of London was among several newspapers reporting that the queen plans to meet with Charles and Diana when she returns from her Canadian tour and discuss their marriage.

Soviets open museum to honour John Reed

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet officials opened a museum on Thursday in the Ukrainian city of Novoselitsa to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of American John Reed, a witness to the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. Reed, author of "Ten Days that Shook the World," died of typhus in the Soviet Union in 1920. The Soviet News Agency TASS said the museum has on display one of the first editions of Reed's book, with a forward written by Soviet founder Vladimir I. Lenin. Reed became a friend of Lenin's while reporting on the revolution for Communist Party publications in the United States. A native of Portland, Oregon, Reed organised the Communist Labour Party in the United States in 1919 and was founder and first editor of the "Voice of Labour." TASS described Reed as "a prominent figure of the American working class movement, a writer and publicist." The journalist's work during the revolution that brought Soviet power to this nation was the subject of an American film by Warren Beatty in the early 1980s entitled Reds.

Philadelphia bans lists of AIDS cases

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The police commissioner has barred officers from compiling "any list related to a communicable-disease patient" after a precinct posted the names of people believed to have AIDS. The order this week also forbids keeping lists of locations where people with communicable diseases live. Commissioner Kevin M. Tucker issued the ban after officers in the operations room of the 18th Precinct in West Philadelphia were reported to have been keeping a list of the names and addresses of people in the district thought to have AIDS. AIDS activists contend that if police might refuse to transport people they believed had acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Officers said at the time that the list had been compiled so they could put on protective gloves and take other precautions when responding to an AIDS patient.

1969 St. Louis death linked to AIDS

CHICAGO (AP) — Doctors believe a St. Louis teen-ager who died in 1969 was infected with the same virus that causes AIDS, 10 years before the first AIDS cases appeared in male homosexuals in New York City, a newspaper reports. Doctors were so perplexed by the death of a 15-year-old patient identified only as Robert R. that some of them saved samples of his body fluids and tissues for nearly two decades, hoping to find the reasons for his death. The Chicago Tribune reported in a copyright story in its Sunday editions. Tests on the samples by Dr. Robert Garry of Tulane University Medical School showed with virtual certainty that the AIDS virus was present, said a colleague at Tulane, Dr. Arthur Gottlieb. "There's no question that it's positive," Dr. Gottlieb said. He said tests would be repeated this week to add to the evidence. The test to determine a link to AIDS in Robert R.'s case first was announced last month at the 11th International Congress of Lymphology in Vienna, the Tribune said. Robert R. died on May 16, about 10 years before doctors recorded what they thought were the first U.S. AIDS deaths in New York, the Tribune said. Most researchers believe the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus assumed its present form in Central Africa and arrived in the United States in the mid-1970s.

Women Catholics say 'no women priests'

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A U.S.-based group of conservative Catholic women presented a petition to the Vatican on Friday expressing support for the church ban on women priests, saying women were not meant to be ordained "just as men cannot be mothers." The group "Women For Faith And Family" presented a document to Cardinal Edouard Gagnon, president of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family, and asked that he turn it over to Pope John Paul II. The group said the document, called "Affirmation for Catholic women," expresses backing for traditional church teaching on reproduction, marriage, the family and the role of men and women in church and society. The group said the document was signed by 40,000 women from the United States, Canada, Australia, The Netherlands and other countries. It said Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Nobel Peace Prize winning nun, was among those who had signed the document. The women acted during the monthlong synod of bishops, which is examining the role of lay Catholics in church and society. The role of women has been a dominant theme, with many bishops saying the church should allow women to serve officially in non-ordained ministries, such as altar servers, acolytes and lectors. However, the bishops have not been asking for a repeal of the ban on women priests.

Woman dies after being shot with arrow

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman in her 30s has died when she was shot in the chest with an arrow from a crossbow at a "known prostitute location" in Brooklyn, police said. The woman, who was not identified, died at Coney Island Hospital shortly after the shooting at 1:50 a.m. local time, said Sgt. Edward Burns, a police spokesman. Police officer Janice Swinney said police arrested Richard Paradis, 21, of Staten Island, and charged him with second-degree murder and criminal possession of a deadly weapon. The crossbow, which fired a 4-inch (10-cm) arrow, was recovered from his car. The motive for the slaying was not known.

Madonna among 'Evita' favourites

LOS ANGELES (R) — Barbra Streisand, Olivia Newton-John and Madonna are among the favourites for the singing lead role in a proposed film version of the British Musical Evita, film studio sources said on Friday. Oliver Stone, who won an Oscar for directing the Vietnam war film Platoon, will direct Evita, a biography of Evita Peron, former first lady of Argentina, a spokesman for the director said. The show was a big success on Broadway and on the London stage. Negotiations are still going on with the composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber, the lyricist, Tim Rice, and others involved in the musical with the Weintraub Entertainment Group, but the film definitely will be made, a spokesman for the project. Al Newman, said. He said it was too early to say who would win the film role of Evita, originally performed by Elaine Page in London and later by Pati Lupone on Broadway.

Typhoon Lynn kills 23 in Taiwan

TAIPEI (R) — At least 23 people were killed, two were injured and seven were reported missing as a typhoon swept past Taiwan on Saturday causing floods and landslides.

Police said on Sunday that more than 80,000 families in central and suburban Taipei were left without electricity as typhoon Lynn, with wind speeds of up to 125 kilometres an hour, ripped

'Romania got millions from Jewish, German emigration'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Romania secretly received millions of dollars from the Israel and West German governments in return for allowing Jews and ethnic Germans to emigrate to those countries, a high-ranking Romanian defector says.

Ion Pacepa, former deputy chief of the Romanian Intelligence Service, estimated that \$400 million was earned from the transactions by the time of his defection to the United States in 1978. He said all the money was deposited in the personal account of President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Pacepa, once a member of Mr. Ceausescu's inner circle, discussed the scheme in an interview last week and also has described the operation in a new book, Red Horizons.

He said the "basic price" for emigres was \$2,000 to \$50,000,

GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold ♠A963 ♠8753 ♠J83 ♦47 The bidding has proceeded

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass Pass 1 ♠

2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner's cue bid of the enemy suit shows a hand of great power and guarantees at least one four-card major suit. Now you have already shown a slight weakness by passing one club, so now you need not guess who major partner holds—you can have him tell you! The last three diamonds to make him a four.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold ♠A963 ♠Q92 ♠KQJ72 The bidding has proceeded

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner doesn't have a double stopper in hearts, your distributional hand might play better at a suit contract than at no trump. While we appreciate the virtues of telling partner about your fifth spade, we think three diamonds is a more flexible call. It leaves partner the opportunity of showing balanced spade support and keeps all options open.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold ♠Q10762 ♠J854 ♦7 ♦A98 The bidding has proceeded

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass Pass 1 NT

Pass 2

What action do you take?

A.—In the passout seat, partner's one no trump reopening bid can be made on considerably less than in the immediate seat—about 12-15 points. With the equivalent of a no trump opening, he would first double and then bid no trump as cheaply as possible. And if he wanted to hear about your spades, he would have doubled. Therefore, you have

reached your best spot—pass.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold ♠KQJ1072 ♠93 ♦A9QJS What is your opening bid?

A.—While you have a powerful hand in trick-taking ability, it is not strong in high-card points enough for a demand bid; should you open two hearts partner, looking at, say, the ace-king of spades and king of diamonds would be entitled to think in terms of a grand slam when even game might not be makeable should the opponents manage a club ruff. Since you are far too strong for a preemptive four hearts, you must open one heart.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold ♠K92 ♠A9K ♠10762 ♠A9J6 Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A.—There were days when your hand would have been considered an automatic takeout double. Now, however, wiser heads have prevailed—your hand is better suited to defense than offense. Pass, and see how the auction develops. If it dies early, you can always reopen if that action is indicated.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold ♠AK63 ♠7A93 ♠Q9 ♦A1072 The bidding has proceeded

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—While partner's two hearts was the fourth suit and, therefore, did not necessarily promise hearts, his diamond rebid confirmed a red two-suiter. Don't persist with no trump. Since you have already denied holding four hearts, bid three hearts now. If the hand belongs to no trump, partner can still place the contract there.

Manila may ask ASEAN to take stand on bases

MANILA (R) — The Philippines might seek the closure of its South East Asian allies disapprove of them, Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus was quoted on Sunday as saying.

"That is an option... President (Corazon) Aquino's position includes all options, from left to right," the Manila Chronicle quoted Mr. Manglapus as saying in an interview.

He said Manila might ask